Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1   Claim 1 (cancelled):

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1   Claim 2 (currently amended): ~~The system of claim 1,~~ A ten-frame

2   subtraction system for teaching subtraction skills, said system comprising:

3   (a)   at least one card having a positive numerical representation

4   thereon represented by a corresponding quantity of graphical

5   representations, said graphical representations arranged in a

6   predetermined arrangement;

7   (b)   at least one tile having a negative numerical representation thereon

8   represented by a corresponding quantity of cross-outs, said cross-

9   outs arranged in said predetermined arrangement;

10   (c)   said at least one tile for interacting with said at least one card for

11   teaching subtraction skills; and

12   (d)   said graphical representations remaining visible through said tile if

13   not covered by said cross-outs when said at least one tile interacts

14   with said at least one card.

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1   Claim 3 (currently amended): ~~The system of claim 1,~~ A ten-frame
2 subtraction system for teaching subtraction skills, said system comprising:

3   (a)   at least one card having a positive numerical representation
4   thereon represented by a corresponding quantity of graphical
5   representations, said graphical representations arranged in a
6   predetermined arrangement;
7   (b)   at least one tile having a negative numerical representation thereon
8   represented by a corresponding quantity of cross-outs, said cross-
9   outs arranged in said predetermined arrangement;
10   (c)   said at least one tile for interacting with said at least one card for
11   teaching subtraction skills; and
12   (d)   wherein said at least one tile is a see-through tile, said graphical
13   representations remaining visible through said tile if not covered by
14   said cross-outs.
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1   Claim 4 (currently amended): ~~The system of claim 1,~~ A ten-frame
2 subtraction system for teaching subtraction skills, said system comprising:

3   (a)   at least one card having a positive numerical representation
4   thereon represented by a corresponding quantity of graphical
5   representations, said graphical representations arranged in a
6   predetermined arrangement;
7   (b)   at least one tile having a negative numerical representation thereon
8   represented by a corresponding quantity of cross-outs, said cross-
9   outs arranged in said predetermined arrangement;
10   (c)   said at least one tile for interacting with said at least one card for
11   teaching subtraction skills; and
12   (d)   wherein said at least one tile is at least partially transparent.
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1   Claim 5 (currently amended): ~~The system of claim 1,~~ <u>A ten-frame</u>

2   <u>subtraction system for teaching subtraction skills, said system comprising:</u>

3   <u>(a)</u>   <u>at least one card having a positive numerical representation</u>

4   <u>thereon represented by a corresponding quantity of graphical</u>

5   <u>representations, said graphical representations arranged in a</u>

6   <u>predetermined arrangement;</u>

7   <u>(b)</u>   <u>at least one tile having a negative numerical representation thereon</u>

8   <u>represented by a corresponding quantity of cross-outs, said cross-</u>

9   <u>outs arranged in said predetermined arrangement;</u>

10   <u>(c)</u>   <u>said at least one tile for interacting with said at least one card for</u>

11   <u>teaching subtraction skills; and</u>

12   <u>(d)</u>   wherein said graphical representations arranged in a

13   predetermined arrangement are framed in individual windows and

14   said cross-outs arranged in said predetermined arrangement are

15   framed in individual windows.

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1   Claim 6 (currently amended): The system of ~~claim 1~~ <u>claim 2</u> wherein said

2   cross-outs are from the group consisting of:

3   (a)   an "X" cross-out;

4   (b)   a graphical representation with a "X" cross-out;

5   (c)   a single "/" cross-out;

6   (d)   a graphical representation with a single "/" cross-out;

7   (e)   an "X" cross-out with a circle around the "X";

8   (f)   a plurality of diagonal lines;

9   (g)   a single <u>vertical line</u>"|" ~~(vertical line)~~;

10   (h)   a graphical representation with a single <u>vertical line</u>"|" ~~(vertical line)~~;

11   (i)   a horizontal line cross-out;

12   (j)   a graphical representation with a horizontal line cross-out;

13   (k)   a completely opaque covering; and

14   (l)   a secondary colored covering.

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1   Claim 7 (currently amended): The system of ~~claim 1~~ claim 2 wherein each

2 said graphical representation is a graphical representation selected from the group

3 consisting of:

4   (a)   a round dot;

5   (b)   a star;

6   (c)   a smiley face;

7   (d)   a number; and

8   (e)   a flower.

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1   Claim 8 (cancelled):

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1   Claim 9 (currently amended): ~~The system of claim 8,~~ A ten-frame

2 subtraction system for teaching subtraction skills, said system comprising:

3   (a)   a plurality of cards, each card having a numerical representation

4   thereon represented by a corresponding quantity of dots, said dots

5   arranged in a predetermined arrangement;

6   (b)   a plurality of tiles, each tile having a numerical representation

7   thereon represented by a corresponding quantity of cross-outs, said

8   cross-outs arranged in said predetermined arrangement;

9   (c)   said plurality of tiles for interacting with said plurality of cards for

10   teaching subtraction skills; and

11   (d)   said graphical representations remaining visible through said tile if

12   not covered by said cross-outs when said at least one tile interacts

13   with said at least one card.

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1   Claim 10 (currently amended): ~~The system of claim 8,~~ A ten-frame

2   subtraction system for teaching subtraction skills, said system comprising:

3   (a)   a plurality of cards, each card having a numerical representation

4   thereon represented by a corresponding quantity of dots, said dots

5   arranged in a predetermined arrangement;

6   (b)   a plurality of tiles, each tile having a numerical representation

7   thereon represented by a corresponding quantity of cross-outs, said

8   cross-outs arranged in said predetermined arrangement;

9   (c)   said plurality of tiles for interacting with said plurality of cards for

10   teaching subtraction skills; and

11   (d)   wherein said plurality of tiles are see-through tiles, said dots

12   remaining visible through said tile if not covered by said cross-outs.

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1   Claim 11 (currently amended): ~~The system of claim 8,~~ A ten-frame

2   subtraction system for teaching subtraction skills, said system comprising:

3   (a)   a plurality of cards, each card having a numerical representation

4   thereon represented by a corresponding quantity of dots, said dots

5   arranged in a predetermined arrangement;

6   (b)   a plurality of tiles, each tile having a numerical representation

7   thereon represented by a corresponding quantity of cross-outs, said

8   cross-outs arranged in said predetermined arrangement;

9   (c)   said plurality of tiles for interacting with said plurality of cards for

10   teaching subtraction skills; and

11   (d)   wherein said plurality of tiles are at least partially transparent.

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1   Claim 12 (currently amended): ~~The system of claim 8,~~ <u>A ten-frame</u>

2 <u>subtraction system for teaching subtraction skills, said system comprising:</u>

3   <u>(a)</u>   <u>a plurality of cards, each card having a numerical representation</u>

4   <u>thereon represented by a corresponding quantity of dots, said dots</u>

5   <u>arranged in a predetermined arrangement;</u>

6   <u>(b)</u>   <u>a plurality of tiles, each tile having a numerical representation</u>

7   <u>thereon represented by a corresponding quantity of cross-outs, said</u>

8   <u>cross-outs arranged in said predetermined arrangement;</u>

9   <u>(c)</u>   <u>said plurality of tiles for interacting with said plurality of cards for</u>

10   <u>teaching subtraction skills; and</u>

11   <u>(d)</u>   wherein said dots arranged in a predetermined arrangement are

12   framed in individual windows and said cross-outs arranged in said

13   predetermined arrangement are framed in individual windows.

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1   Claim 13 (cancelled):

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1   Claim 14 (cancelled):

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1   Claim 15 (new): The system of claim 3 wherein said cross-outs are from

2 the group consisting of:

3   (a)   an "X" cross-out;

4   (b)   a graphical representation with a "X" cross-out;

5   (c)   a single "/" cross-out;

6   (d)   a graphical representation with a single "/" cross-out;

7   (e)   an "X" cross-out with a circle around the "X";

8   (f)   a plurality of diagonal lines;

9   (g)   a single vertical line;

10   (h)   a graphical representation with a single vertical line;

11   (i)   a horizontal line cross-out;

12   (j)   a graphical representation with a horizontal line cross-out;

13   (k)   a completely opaque covering; and

14   (l)   a secondary colored covering.

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1   Claim 16 (new): The system of claim 3 wherein each said graphical

2 representation is a graphical representation selected from the group consisting of:

3   (a)   a round dot;

4   (b)   a star;

5   (c)   a smiley face;

6   (d)   a number; and

7   (e)   a flower.

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1   Claim 17 (new): The system of claim 4 wherein said cross-outs are from

2 the group consisting of:

3   (a)   an "X" cross-out;

4   (b)   a graphical representation with a "X" cross-out;

5   (c)   a single "/" cross-out;

6   (d)   a graphical representation with a single "/" cross-out;

7   (e)   an "X" cross-out with a circle around the "X";

8   (f)   a plurality of diagonal lines;

9   (g)   a single vertical line;

10   (h)   a graphical representation with a single vertical line;

11   (i)   a horizontal line cross-out;

12   (j)   a graphical representation with a horizontal line cross-out;

13   (k)   a completely opaque covering; and

14   (l)   a secondary colored covering.

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1   Claim 18 (new): The system of claim 4 wherein each said graphical

2 representation is a graphical representation selected from the group consisting of:

3   (a)   a round dot;

4   (b)   a star;

5   (c)   a smiley face;

6   (d)   a number; and

7   (e)   a flower.

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1   Claim 19 (new): The system of claim 5 wherein said cross-outs are from

2 the group consisting of:

3   (a)   an "X" cross-out;

4   (b)   a graphical representation with a "X" cross-out;

5   (c)   a single "/" cross-out;

6   (d)   a graphical representation with a single "/" cross-out;

7   (e)   an "X" cross-out with a circle around the "X";

8   (f)   a plurality of diagonal lines;

9   (g)   a single vertical line;

10   (h)   a graphical representation with a single vertical line;

11   (i)   a horizontal line cross-out;

12   (j)   a graphical representation with a horizontal line cross-out;

13   (k)   a completely opaque covering; and

14   (l)   a secondary colored covering.

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1   Claim 20 (new): The system of claim 5 wherein each said graphical

2 representation is a graphical representation selected from the group consisting of:

3   (a)   a round dot;

4   (b)   a star;

5   (c)   a smiley face;

6   (d)   a number; and

7   (e)   a flower.

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1   Claim 21 (new): The system of claim 9 wherein said cross-outs are from

2 the group consisting of:

3   (a)   an "X" cross-out;

4   (b)   a graphical representation with a "X" cross-out;

5   (c)   a single "/" cross-out;

6   (d)   a graphical representation with a single "/" cross-out;

7   (e)   an "X" cross-out with a circle around the "X";

8   (f)   a plurality of diagonal lines;

9   (g)   a single vertical line;

10   (h)   a graphical representation with a single vertical line;

11   (i)   a horizontal line cross-out;

12   (j)   a graphical representation with a horizontal line cross-out;

13   (k)   a completely opaque covering; and

14   (l)   a secondary colored covering.

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1   Claim 22 (new): The system of claim 9 wherein each said graphical

2 representation is a graphical representation selected from the group consisting of:

3   (a)   a round dot;

4   (b)   a star;

5   (c)   a smiley face;

6   (d)   a number; and

7   (e)   a flower.

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1   Claim 23 (new): The system of claim 10 wherein said cross-outs are from

2   the group consisting of:

3   (a)   an "X" cross-out;

4   (b)   a graphical representation with a "X" cross-out;

5   (c)   a single "/" cross-out;

6   (d)   a graphical representation with a single "/" cross-out;

7   (e)   an "X" cross-out with a circle around the "X";

8   (f)   a plurality of diagonal lines;

9   (g)   a single vertical line;

10   (h)   a graphical representation with a single vertical line;

11   (i)   a horizontal line cross-out;

12   (j)   a graphical representation with a horizontal line cross-out;

13   (k)   a completely opaque covering; and

14   (l)   a secondary colored covering.

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1   Claim 24 (new): The system of claim 10 wherein each said graphical

2   representation is a graphical representation selected from the group consisting of:

3   (a)   a round dot;

4   (b)   a star;

5   (c)   a smiley face;

6   (d)   a number; and

7   (e)   a flower.

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1   Claim 25 (new): The system of claim 11 wherein said cross-outs are from

2   the group consisting of:

3   (a)   an "X" cross-out;

4   (b)   a graphical representation with a "X" cross-out;

5   (c)   a single "/" cross-out;

6   (d)   a graphical representation with a single "/" cross-out;

7   (e)   an "X" cross-out with a circle around the "X";

8   (f)   a plurality of diagonal lines;

9   (g)   a single vertical line;

10   (h)   a graphical representation with a single vertical line;

11   (i)   a horizontal line cross-out;

12   (j)   a graphical representation with a horizontal line cross-out;

13   (k)   a completely opaque covering; and

14   (l)   a secondary colored covering.

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1   Claim 26 (new): The system of claim 11 wherein each said graphical

2 representation is a graphical representation selected from the group consisting of:

3   (a)   a round dot;

4   (b)   a star;

5   (c)   a smiley face;

6   (d)   a number; and

7   (e)   a flower.

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1   Claim 27 (new): The system of claim 12 wherein said cross-outs are from

2 the group consisting of:

3   (a)   an "X" cross-out;

4   (b)   a graphical representation with a "X" cross-out;

5   (c)   a single "/" cross-out;

6   (d)   a graphical representation with a single "/" cross-out;

7   (e)   an "X" cross-out with a circle around the "X";

8   (f)   a plurality of diagonal lines;

9   (g)   a single vertical line;

10   (h)   a graphical representation with a single vertical line;

11   (i)   a horizontal line cross-out;

12   (j)   a graphical representation with a horizontal line cross-out;

13   (k)   a completely opaque covering; and

14   (l)   a secondary colored covering.

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1   Claim 28 (new): The system of claim 12 wherein each said graphical

2 representation is a graphical representation selected from the group consisting of:

3   (a)   a round dot;

4   (b)   a star;

5   (c)   a smiley face;

6   (d)   a number; and

7   (e)   a flower.

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